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- 1. MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION, DR. GUIDO GROOSCORS, VISITED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPER DAILY JOURNAL FEB. 3. PAPER CARRIED PHOTO OF VISIT IN FEB. 4 EDITION WITH CAPTION. BUT NO STORY.
- 2. TIBOR SOMLO, JOURNAL EXECUTIVE WHO WAS PRESENT DURING GOOSCORS' VISIT SAID THAT GROOSCORS EMPHASIZED A NUMBER OF TIMES THAT VENEZUELA WANTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH U.S., THAT MINISTER HAD NUMBER OF SPECIAL THINGS IN MIND TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. MINISTER SAID THAT GOV WILL SET UP A SPECIAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION IN U.S. TO INFORM AMERICAN PUBLIC ON VENEZUELA. GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO CREATE AN OFFICE IN CARACAS FOR EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH NEWSMEN VISITING VENEZUELA.
- 3. HE SAID OTHER NEW INFORMATION POLICIES WILL INCLUDE
 A STEADY CHANNELING OF INFORMATION TO VENEZUELAN EMBASSIES
 AND AMBASSADORS ABROAD TO KEEP THEM FULLY INFORMED ON
 EVENTS IN VENEZUELA. DR. GROOSCORS UNDERLINED NEGATIVE
 EFFECTS OF POOR INFORMATION PROGRAM POINTING TO PRESIDENT
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CALDERA'S VISIT TO U.S. IN 1970. HE SAID THE PRESIDENT'S

VISIT WAS NOT GIVEN PROPER COVERAGE AND ATTRIBUTED THIS TO LACK OF TALENT IN VENEZUELAN WASHINGTON EMBASSY. HE SAID THIS SITUATION WILL BE REMEDIED.

4. DR. GROOSCORS MADE IT CLEAR HE WANTS TO CHANNEL INFORMATION TO ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY HERE USING DAILY JOURNAL AS VEHICLE. HE PROMISED TO BEGIN BY GIVING PAPER AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW NEXT WEEK. SOMLO WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT GROOSCORS' VISIT WAS PROMPTED BY INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER UP. HIGGINS

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